

of Cadets. A trailblazer, Cadet Meredith will be the first woman to hold the position in the Institute's 181-year history.

As Regimental Commander, Cadet Meredith will oversee the training, discipline, fitness, and morale of the Corps. She currently is a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Officers Training Program. Upon her graduation and successful completion of the program, Cadet Meredith will receive her commission as a Second Lieutenant of Marines.

Cadet Kasey Meredith's selection as Regimental Commander is a testament to her strong academic performance, determination, and leadership. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, it is my privilege to recognize outstanding Pennsylvanians as they answer the call to serve our nation. I proudly congratulate Cadet Meredith on earning this well-deserved position and wish her every continued success.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2021*

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present for one of the votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 109.

#### HONORING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

#### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2021*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 225th anniversary of the Steuben County Sheriffs Office, and the legacy of the office's public service and dedication to public safety.

The Steuben County Sheriffs Office was constitutionally established in 1796, with William Dunn being sworn in as Sheriff on March 31, 1796. From 1796 until 1873, the Steuben County Sheriffs Office was the only law enforcement agency serving the county. The longest serving Sheriff was Jack Lisi, who served from 1970 to 1987.

Sheriff James Allard is the current sheriff of the county and is the fifty-ninth Sheriff to serve in office. James has a strong commitment to serving his community and became Under-sheriff of the county in 2013. He was elected as Sheriff in 2016.

We are honored to be able to recognize the Steuben County Sheriffs Office in this way. The Steuben County Sheriffs Office has provided service and safety to the communities it served for hundreds of years and should be honored for that service. We cannot forget the great personal risk and dedication each Sheriff showed during their service. Today, we stand and honor those efforts before the eyes of America.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor the 225th anniversary of the Steuben

County Sheriff's Office, and the legacy of the office's public service and dedication to public safety.

#### IN MEMORY OF FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN ELIZABETH FURSE

#### HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2021*

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse, who represented the people of Oregon's First District in this chamber from 1993 to 1999.

I am privileged to have called Elizabeth a friend and a mentor. My first experience volunteering for a political campaign was when I made calls and knocked on doors working for her Congressional race for re-election in 1994. She inspired dedication to worthy causes, including co-founding the Oregon Peace Institute, and embodied the traits all public servants should strive to uphold—to meet the needs of their community and drive meaningful change. Her trailblazing example helped shape my life and my career, and the lives of so many others.

Elizabeth was only the third woman to represent Oregon in the House of Representatives, and as an immigrant she was fully committed to protecting the rights of all. Her start in advocacy came at a young age in Kenya, and in her youth she courageously participated in the protests against apartheid in South Africa. From there she continued to grow as a leader and advocate, pursuing a career path that allowed her to serve as a fierce champion for tribal sovereignty, social justice, and peace. She aided countless people during her time in Congress and throughout her life, and her many achievements include helping the Grand Ronde, Klamath, and Coquille tribes gain federal recognition, as well as increasing access to public transportation in our region by extending light rail service to Hillsboro. After leaving Congress, Elizabeth continued to stay involved in her community and enjoyed spending time with her husband John at their winery.

Our world, and especially NW Oregon, is a better place because of Elizabeth's tireless devotion to improving the lives of those around her. Let us continue to serve others in her memory.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF FORMER JUSTICE GREGORY K. SCOTT

#### HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2021*

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman Ed Perlmutter, Congressman Jason Crow, and Congressman Joe Neguse, to recognize the life and accomplishments of the first and only African American to serve on our state's highest court, former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory K. Scott who passed away on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at the age of 72.

Justice Scott graduated from Rutgers University before attending law school at Indiana University. In 1977, he and his wife Carolyn, also an attorney, moved to Denver so that Scott could start his new position as a trial attorney at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's regional office. Later, Scott joined the faculty at University of Denver's Sturm College of Law as a professor, where he taught numerous students about securities and corporate law. While making their life in Denver, the couple welcomed two sons, both of whom sadly preceded them in death.

In 1993, then Governor Roy Romer appointed Scott to the Colorado Supreme Court, making him the first—and thus far the only—African American to serve at the highest level of our state's judiciary. During his time on the bench, Justice Scott participated in 1,000 decisions, some notable ones including *Evans v. Romer*, which involved the court stepping in to stop enforcement of a ban that infringed the rights of our gay and lesbian Coloradans, and also *Hill v. Thomas*, a decision he penned himself to uphold the state law I wrote to mandate an 8-foot buffer zone between protesters and individuals trying to gain entrance into Colorado abortion clinics. I am proud to note that the U.S. Supreme Court later upheld this decision, finding the same truth we hold so dear in Colorado, that rights of speech and access to reproductive care can both be vigorously protected.

Justice Scott served admirably both inside and outside of the courtroom, especially when it came to championing the civil rights causes he cherished deeply. While living in Denver, he took pride in mentoring law students, especially law students of color, who believed as he did—as we all do—that diversity in the legal profession is vital to the best interests of clients, whether corporate or individual, and every Coloradan. Additionally, Scott was active with the local NAACP chapter, the Urban League, and the Sam Cary Bar Association. Even in his retirement years, Scott continued answering the call to serve. After moving to his wife's hometown in Indiana, he became the executive director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission.

Justice Scott has been remembered by friends and former colleagues as a "giant" in Colorado's legal community with a brilliant legal mind and a profound respect for the rule of law. Truly, he will always be remembered for his lasting legacy on our state's supreme court, but also as a bowtie-wearing jurist who was as likable as he was learned, and as socially conscious as he was compassionate. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife Carolyn and to the entire Scott family, as well as to the Coloradans who are saddened by his loss.

#### IN MEMORY OF NANCY HICKS SHEETZ

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 22, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of my friend Nancy Hicks Sheetz of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, who passed away on April 16.

Nancy Hicks Sheetz was an incredible community leader whose dedication defined our